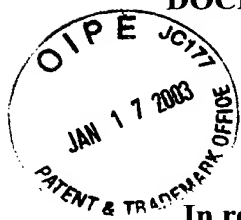


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This is in response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2002 issued in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompanies this communication. A terminal disclaimer also accompanies this communication. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following.

REMARKS

Claims 1-94 were originally filed in the present application. The office action indicates that claims 1-94 are presently pending, however, applicants respectfully note for the record that claims 27-35, 42-48 and 53-71 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed on June 19, 2001. Accordingly, claims 1-26, 36-41, 49-52 and 72-94 are pending in the present application.